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THE FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL
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of October 1915 at 10 o'clock.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
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27th day of October, 1915, both days
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Hongkong, Oct. 14, 1915.

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of October 1915 for the purpose

of considering, and if thought fit, passing

the following Resolution as an Extra-

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(1) That the affairs of the Company be

voluntarily wound up and that

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews

be appointed Liquidators.

Should the above Resolution be passed

by the requisite majority it will be

submitted for confirmation at a special

Resolution to a further Extraordinary

General Meeting which will be held on

MONDAY, 15th November, 1915 at the

same time and place for the purpose

of considering, and if thought fit, confirming

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THE GERMAN TRAP.

WHAT HAPPENED IN 1912.

Official Statement.

The Foreign Office have issued the

following statement which may be regarded

as a reply to certain allegations contained

in the German Chancellor's recent speech

and in an account of the 1912 Anglo-German

negotiations published in the semi-

official *Neidutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*

last month. This account was mis-

leading, and was no doubt intended

to mislead, and made it appear that the

British Government had at that time

agreed that would be regarded in many

quarters as a reasonable offer of friendship

with Germany.

In these circumstances it may be as

well to publish a statement of the facts

as to what actually happened. Early

in 1912 the German Chancellor sketched

out the following formula as one

which would meet the views of the

Imperial Government:—

1. The high contracting parties assure

each other mutually of their desire of

peace and friendship.

2. They will not either of them make

any preparations to make any (unprovoked)

attack upon the other, or join in any

combination or design against the other

for purposes of aggression, or become

party to any plan or naval or military

enterprise against the other, or in any

other way directed to such an end,

and declare not to be bound by such

engagement.

3. Neither of the high contracting

parties will make any use of force with

a view to the aggression of the other party

or to the acquisition of territory or power so

as to endanger the peace and friendship

of the other party, and will use its utmost

endeavour for the localization

of the conflict. If either of the high

contracting parties is forced to go to war

by obvious provocation from a third party,

it shall endeavour to enter into an

exchange of views concerning their attitude

in such a conflict.

4. The high contracting parties agree

that the principle of neutrality which arises

out of the preceding article has no applica-

tion in so far as it may not be reconcilable

with existing agreements which the high

contracting parties have already made, and

will use its utmost endeavour to secure

the fulfilment of such agreements.

5. The making of new agreements which

render it impossible for either of the parties

to observe neutrality towards the other be-

yond what is provided by the preceding

provisions is excluded in conformity with

the provisions in article 2.

6. The high contracting parties declare

that they will do all in their power to pre-

vent differences and misunderstandings

upon Germany, and pursue no aggressive

policy towards her.

Aggression upon Germany is not the

subject, and forms no part, of any treaty,

understanding, or combination to which

England is now a party, nor will she

become a party to anything that has such

an object.

Count Metetrach thought this formula

inadequate, and suggested two alternative

formulations:—

England will therefore observe at least a

benevolent neutrality should war be forced

upon Germany; or

England will therefore, as a matter of

course, remain neutral if a war is forced

upon Germany.

This, he added, would not be binding

unless our wishes were met with regard to

the naval programme.

Sir Edward Grey considered that the

British proposals were sufficient. He ex-

plained that, if Germany desired to crush

France, England might not be able to do so

still, though, if France were aggressive or

attacked Germany, no support would be

given by His Majesty's Government or

approved by England. It is obvious that

the real object of the German proposal was

to obtain the neutrality of England in all

contingencies, since should a war break

out, Germany would certainly contend

that it had been forced upon her, and

would claim that England should remain

neutral. An admirable example of this is

the present war, in which in spite of the

fact, Germany contends that war has been

forced upon her. Even the third member

of the Triple Alliance, who had sources of

information not open to us, did not share

this view, but regarded it as an aggressive

war.

Sir Edward Grey said that, he could

understand that there would be disappoint-

ment if His Majesty's Government were

to state that the carrying out of the

Novelle would put an end to the nego-

tiations and form an innumerable

obstacle to better relations. His Majesty's

Government did not say this, and the

Government formula which they had

suggested might be considered in con-

junction with the discussion of territorial

arrangements, even if it did not prove

effective in preventing the increase of

naval expenditure.

Sir Edward Grey added that if some

arrangement could be made between the

two Governments it would have a favour-

able though indirect effect upon naval

expenditure as time went on; it would

have, moreover, a favourable and direct

effect upon public opinion in both coun-

tries.

THE GERMAN DEMAND.

Count Metetrach thereupon received

instructions to make it quite clear that the

not will she become a party to anything

that has such an object.

Sir Edward Grey, when he handed this

formula to Count Metetrach, said that

the use of the word "neutrality" would

convey the impression that more was meant

than was warranted by the text; he sug-

gested that the substance of what was

required would be obtained, and more

accurately expressed by the words "will

neither make, nor join in, any unprovoked

attack."

A few days afterwards Count Metetrach

communicated to Sir Edward Grey the

substance of a letter from the Chancellor

in which the latter said that, on the formula

suggested by His Majesty's Government

was from the German point of view

insufficient, and as His Majesty's Govern-

ment could not agree to the larger formula

for which he had asked, the Novelle must

proceed on the lines on which it had been

presented to the Federal Council. The

negotiations then came to an end, and with

them the hope of a mutual reduction in

the expenditure on armaments of the two

countries.

INVENTOR OF TAPE MACHINES.

The Exchange Telegraph Company an-

nounces the death of its chief engineer,

Mr. Frederick Higgins, which took place

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the service of the Exchange Telegraph

Company, being engaged on the develop-

ment of typewriting telegraphs. Besides

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, October 25, 1915.

THE BALKANS' TURMOIL.

TO-DAY'S telegrams make it more than ever evident that the turmoil now raging in the Balkans is much more likely to increase than diminish during the next few weeks. It is likewise also evident that the Bulgarians will have every reason to be profoundly sorry of the folly that prompted them to throw in their lot with the modern Huns and the Turks. Already the Bulgarians are suffering heavily and their support of Varna and Burgas are at the mercy of the Russian Fleet, the appearance of which has, one of the latest telegrams states, caused "indescribable panic" at these ports. It is to be hoped that the "effective bombardment" that is now proceeding there will bring Bulgaria's leaders to their senses before a general rising—which seems imminent—takes place among the Bulgarians (the majority of whom favour Russia in preference to Germany) with disastrous effect to those who have so rashly precipitated Bulgaria into the turmoil. Even against vast numerical superiority the Serbians are still holding out most gallantly, and now that the Allies are within easy distance towards rendering effective assistance the Serbians may be relied upon to continue to cope successfully against their big and bullying neighbours. The Bulgarians' attacks in the battle at Kupruli "have been completely arrested owing to a flank offensive attack by French troops on the south." This statement, in conjunction with another just made to the effect that the "Serbians claim to have taken part of Uskub," points to Serbian successes that should go a long way towards determining supremacy in the Balkans, ultimately in the Dardanelles, and, later, in Constantinople. There is every reason to believe that the day is not far distant when the Allies will be completely triumphant in the Balkans.

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VICTORIA THEATRE.

A long "Willie" comic, "Willie in Love and War," and "For Honour and Country," a dramatic picture film, are the outstanding features in the current Victoria Theatre programme, while other excellent pictures are those dealing with events of the day, and a series showing North Sea sailing.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

November 15, (instead of November 8, will be observed as a general Bank Holiday.

Captain Cyril Champkin, of the Calcutta Volunteer Corps, has been attached to the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve.

Red signals, indicating a typhoon outside the 300 miles' radius in a southerly direction, were hoisted at noon to-day.

The theft of eighteen rolls of clothing valued at \$703, boots, umbrellas and other articles, reported by a Chinese shopkeeper at 55 Queen's Road Central.

The Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, acknowledges with thanks the sum of \$130.07 from St. John's Cathedral, for the C. M. S. Hospital at Pakhoi.

A Chinese was sharply spoken to by Mr. Lindell at the Magistrate's today for expostulating in the dock, and fined 10 days for his "insulting and disgusting behaviour."

A delay of three quarters of an hour in the tram service was caused yesterday afternoon by a steam roller sinking into the road near the lines outside the Military Police Barracks.

A Chinese was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. Haszard today for stealing a Chinese constable while in the execution of his duty in Morrison Road yesterday.

Found hanging to a tree near the third milestone on the Taikeo Road, having apparently committed suicide, the body of a Chinaman, apparently aged 35, has been sent to the public mortuary.

Mr. F. C. Jenkins, Deputy Superintendent of the Police Reserve, was entertained to dinner at the To Yuen restaurant on Friday by the Inspectors and Sergeants of the Reserve Chinese Company.

The Royal Naval Yard Mess "Social" on Saturday was such a big success that a similar entertainment will be held once a month during the winter season. No less than twenty-one persons contributed to Saturday's programme which terminated with the National Anthem of all the Allies.

Inspector P. O'Sullivan, at the Magistrate's this morning, before Mr. Haszard, charged a Chinese and his wife with keeping an opium den. Nine other Chinese were charged as frequenters. The first defendant was fined \$250, or three months' imprisonment, the woman discharged, and the others, each fined \$2 or five days.

The weekly return of communicable diseases, issued from the office of the Medical Officer of Health, shows that there was one fatal Chinese case of bubonic plague; three fatal outbreaks of cholera (one Japanese and two Chinese); three fatal Chinese cases of diphtheria; four notifications of enteric fever, (one fatal) involving one British, one Indian and two Chinese; and one fatal case of puerperal fever. The total number of deaths from plague since the beginning of the year is 135 and the number of outbreaks 139.

Charged with cruelty to a dog belonging to Mr. H. J. Gedgo, a Chinese was fined \$15 or a month's imprisonment by Mr. Haszard at the police-court today. Defendant said it was an accident. Mr. Preston, prosecuting, called evidence that a coolie who was taking the dog to Dr. Gibson to have its eyes examined was standing near the tram-lines when defendant came up and deliberately poured about a cupful of boiling water over the dog from a kettle he was carrying. When spoken to defendant said "I am pouring the water on the dog. I did not pour it on you."

WANCHAI FACTORY STRIKE.

Protest against Fine System.

An alleged excessive fine system, and the firing of two girls for laughing in the works, led to about 200 girls employed by the Wanchai and Canton Tobacco Company's factory at 189 Wanchai Road coming out on strike yesterday afternoon. The strikers, after stopping work, left the factory and made a demonstration outside with the intention of intimidating the other workers. Following interviews by a Police Inspector with the general manager and some of the hands, the dispute was amicably settled, and all the girls returned to work.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals—
Foreign Goods Dealers Export \$50

IT NEVER FAILS.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is all its name implies. It cures diarrhoea and dysentery in either children or adults, and the most violent cases of cramp, colic or pain in the stomach give way to a few doses of this medicine. Safe, sure, always cures. For sale by all Chemists and Dispensaries.

TYPHOON WARNINGS.

The following telegrams were received at the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory.

8.30 p.m. Oct. 23.
Cyclone or typhoon S.S.E. of Manila, over or near southern Luzon moving W. or W.N.W.

8.45 a.m. Oct. 24.
Cyclone or typhoon S.W. of Manila moving W. or W.N.W.

5.30 p.m. Oct. 24.
Cyclone or typhoon W. of Manila, over 100 miles distant moving W.N.W.

Cyclone or typhoon S.W. of Guam moving W.N.W.

11 a.m. Oct. 25.
Cyclone or typhoon W. of Guam moving W.N.W.

KWANGTUNG FLOOD
RELIEF FUND.

The Tung Wa Hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the Kwangtung Flood Relief Fund—
T.T. from Saigon ... \$1200.00
T.T. from Kuala Lumpur ... 1000.00
For Netherlands ... 1000.00
The Lieutenant of the Chinese and other Chinese residents at Bondowoso, Java ... 470.00
Already acknowledged ... \$61,559.48
Total ... \$64,559.48

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

PATROL.
(1) CENTRAL.
Monday to Thursday, Oct. 25th—No. 2 Company.
Friday to Sunday, Oct. 26th—No. 3 Company.

(2) EASTERN.
Oct. 26th—5.50—A. M. Noor and N. Hassan.
Oct. 27th—5.50—A. Hassan and E. Moseleoon.

8.50—A. Bandran and R. M. Omar. Sergeant Ramat visits.

(3) WATER POLICE.
Oct. 26th and 27th, as in order for Oct. 25th/26th.

Oct. 28th—5.50—Sergeant Hyndman (S) D'Aquino (S) Inspector D'Almada (P).

8.50—Gaskell (S) Henderson (S) Bunje (P).

PARADES ETC., 5.30 P.M.
Oct. 25th—Whole of No. 3 Company, with 2nd Platoon.

Oct. 26th (Tuesday)—F. C. Macdonald, E. F. Rosser, Moore, Ford, M. A. Khan, Karim Din, Miro Khan, Fatch Mohamed, Faig Mohamed and F. Mooti, under Sergeant Major.

Oct. 27th—Meeting of all Inspectors and Sergeants and Captains of Platoon Teams at Magistrate's.

Oct. 28th—Parade of all ranks at Central Police Station at 9.05 p.m. sharp for Route March.

RED CROSS FETE, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27.
The following will report to the D.S.P. as the Main Bandstand at 8.15 p.m. punctually:

(a) Whole of No. 2 Company Patrols detailed for that night.

(b) One N. C. Officer and four men to be warned by Inspector Sirdar Khan.

(c) Five men to be warned from No. 3 Company.

(d) Inspectors Hyndman, Lamont, Taylor, Watt, Wilden, Sergeant Major Rynance, Crow-Sergeants McEwen and Mitchell, and P. C. Lindsay.

W. F. Ford to 2nd Platoon, No. 1 Company.

(Sd.) F. C. JONES,
D. S. P. (Reserve).

LOST CHORDS OF STREET
CORNER.

Vanished Organs and German Bands.

None of the minor arts has suffered more severely through this all-pervading war than the temporary and permanent organs and the glad sounds which used to cheer us, on sunny mornings, afternoon, and evening in our suburban streets. The blast of the bugle, observes a writer, has drowned the tremolo utterances of the street corner cornet; nobody ever hears the piping strains of The Lost Chords; the last quiver of Bethlehem and the Holy City has died away.

As for that cherished and tenderly-nurtured institution of ours, the German Band, is vanishing from our midst with the complete promise of a conjuring trick. Fleeting to the Fatherland, these amiable professors of sound and heated fury were welcomed beyond the Rhine with open arms and by reason of their peculiar knowledge of the London streets were given the most important posts on the German Intelligencé Staff. We have seen and heard the last of them and their pining melodies. It is an ill which blows nobody good.

The stomp is street piano trade is not merely a fallacy, it is an anachronism. In Eastern London, which is the chief supply base for these producers of mechanical melody, the "trade" has faded to nothing: Hundreds and hundreds of street pianos are here "resting" and rusting. There used to be a grand trade in this business—the hiring out, system—mainly through Italian patronage. But the Allies have changed all that, and the "Toscani" bands with the sombrero and the flashing eye is now engaged in very different work.

One of us—a good many of us—may be glad that this kind of entertainment is no longer with us. That is a selfish sentiment. Our annoyances are sometimes other people's pleasures. One has only to take a journey down among the main streets of South London on a warm summer evening, when the children are out at play, to appreciate what a loss the missing of these melodies means to hundreds and thousands of gay little revellers, whose nightly habit it has been to dance and caper to the sprightly strains of the jangling street pianos. But now the merry notes are silent and gloom. It's a cruel world!

SUNSHINE AND COMMON SENSE.

DON'T doctor your blood for rheumatism. Use a natural application of Chamberlain's Pain-Expeller. In a few days it will get you out into the sunshine, then nature will restore the rich red blood to your veins and you will be the system of this troubleless disease. For sale by all Chemists and Dispensaries.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

CHINESE MERCHANTS CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

Three indictments for perjury which are expected to occupy the attention of the Chief Justice (Sir Wm. R. Davies, K.C.) at the Criminal Sessions for over a week, opened today.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Sheehan, Messrs Deacon, Looker, Deacon, and Harcourt, prosecuted, and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., and Mr. P. C. Jenkins, instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almada defended.

The three prisoners are Hung Hoo Chi, Hung Shun Yu and Hung Hing Yin, and each is charged with wilful and corrupt perjury in a charge of embezzlement against Leung Tse Chi in Mr. Lindell's Court.

Mr. Pollock applied that Hung Hoo Chi, who was proceeded against first, should be accommodated with a chair outside the dock in view of the probable nature of the proceedings. His application was in the famous Chubborne perjury case the defendant was not in the dock.

Mr. Potter said the defendant in the Chubborne perjury case was not even in Court.

His Lordship thought that by according to Mr. Pollock's request, he would be creating a precedent which would be far reaching in its effect. He approved of defendant being accommodated with a chair in the dock.

Mr. Potter said he appeared to prosecute for the Crown with the consent of the Attorney General. He proceeded to mention the charge of perjury against all of his legal phraseology and took the jury back to 1912 in which year three men—the defendant, Hung Shun Yu and Leung Tse Chi were named in the King of the Wits firm, 20 Bonham Strand. In August the same year another firm, comprising the three men mentioned as partners with others, opened the Wing Cheong Chi firm which was also conducted from 20 Bonham Strand. In 1912 there was a dispute between the partners and afterwards Leung Tse Chi was arrested on a charge of embezzling \$1,500 in December 1912. Defendant was discharged at the close of the prosecution, and the charge of perjury was then started because they wanted to squeeze Leung Tse Chi out of the firm; a case which was not uncommon in the Colony because a number of men, being susceptible to the lure of the music and would abscond. The music in that case was \$1500.

Counsel then proceeded to deal with the details of the indictment and statements alleged to have been made by the prisoner.

FRAUD ON LONDON BANK.

Hotel Smoke-Room Used as Office.

An imputed bank fraud which was carried out in London recently has come to light.

The man for whom the police are searching used the smoke-room of the Hotel Metropole as a temporary office, and telephoned to a well-known firm of typists asking that a lady assistant should be sent for a letter for translation.

On arrival the lady was given a little clerical work to do, and was then requested to go to the bank and cash a cheque. She handed a cheque for \$15 to the cashier, and telephoned to a well-known firm of typists asking that a lady assistant should be sent for a letter for translation.

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BY TELEGRAPH.
THE WAR.BRITISH SUBMARINE SINKS
A GERMAN CRUISER.THE LATEST NEWS FROM
THE BALKANS.FRENCH TROOPS FIGHTING ALONG WITH
THE SERBIANS.

BULGARIAN BLACK SEA PORTS BOMBARDED.

GERMANS AGAIN DEFEATED IN
GIVENCHY WOOD.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BRITISH SUBMARINE SINK A GERMAN CRUISER.

Petrograd, Oct. 24.

It is officially stated that a British submarine sank a German cruiser, of the Prinz Adalbert class, near Libau. [The Prinz Adalbert class comprised the armoured cruisers "Prinz Adalbert," "Blucher," "Scharnhorst," "Gneisenau," etc. They have a registered tonnage of 8,850 tons, a designed horsepower of 18,500, and a speed of 21 knots. Their armament comprises four 8.2-in. ten 5.9-in. ten 3.4-in. and 14 smaller guns, all being quick-firing.—Ed.]

VARNA AND BURGAS BOMBARDED.

"INDESCRIBABLE PANIC."

Paris, Oct. 24.

It is reported that the Russian fleet made a most effective bombardment of the Black Sea ports of Varna and Burgas, and created indescribable panic.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM SERBIA.

Nish, Oct. 24.

A communiqué states that fighting in the direction of Belgrade continues without change near Kniashevatz. Strong enemy forces were captured at Macotshack after determined fighting, but we counter-attacked and retook the position. We recaptured a position on the right bank of the Nishava. Fighting continues on the left bank, and there has also been fighting at Krivolak, 45 miles south of Uzbuk, in which French troops were fighting by our side.

LATEST DESPATCH FROM SIR JOHN FRENCH.

London, Oct. 24.

Field Marshal Sir John French, in a despatch, says there has been considerable artillery activity south of Labasseo Canal during the last three days, but that nothing important has taken place on the remainder of the front.

GERMANS DEFEATED EIGHT TIMES IN FIVE DAYS.

Paris, Oct. 24.

The Germans, in a night attack at Givenchy Wood, suffered their eighth defeat here in five days. The communiqué states that the Germans were decimated whenever they left their trenches and compelled to retire. French artillery were most active on the rest of the front, destroying the enemy trenches and works, especially in the regions of Lihons, Champagne and Lorraine.

REFORMATION IN RUSSIAN FISCAL SYSTEM.

NEW STATE MONOPOLIES TO BE CREATED.

Petrograd, Oct. 24.

A Ukase authorises credit operations abroad amounting to \$550,000,000 sterling. The Minister of Finance foresees a reformation in the whole fiscal system on the basis of income tax with a tax on textiles and State monopolies on tea, sugar and matches.

A STATE MONOPOLY IN TEA IS PROJECTED, AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT IT WILL YIELD 100,000,000 Roubles annually.

BERLIN REALISES THE HUNS' LATEST BLUNDER.

London, Oct. 24.

A message from Amsterdam says that Berlin realises the blunder of the murder of Miss Cavell is shown by an inspired telegram attempting to defend the execution. It says the sentence was based on provisions of the Imperial penal code and the Military penal code and not on chivalrous endeavour.

BULGARIAN ATTACKS COMPLETELY ARRESTED.

LATER.

The Bulgarian attacks in the great battle of Kupruli have been completely arrested, owing to the flank offensive by the French from the south on the front at Krivolak on the Salonika Railway to Strumitza.

AUSTRO-GERMAN ADVANCE ARRESTED.

LATER.

Salonika reports state that French troops attacked the Bulgarians on Friday evening south of Strumitza and captured Nabova. The fighting continues and the Austro-German advance on the Serbian front has been arrested.

SERBIANS OCCUPY PART OF USKUB.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 24.

A Sofia communiqué claims that the Serbians have taken part of Uskub and says that a violent battle still continues.

GENERAL SIR IAN HAMILTON'S DEPARTURE.

London, Oct. 24.

Reuter's correspondent at the Dardanelles states that General Birdwood telegraphed to General Sir Ian Hamilton on the 17th inst. "Anzac greatly regret your departure and send best wishes."

General Hamilton was deeply touched and replied "To an old soldier like myself no honour equals the goodwill of the Anzacs here."

ENEMY ENTRENCHMENTS AND FRENCH BATTERIES.

Paris, Oct. 24.

An official eye-witness says it is only now possible to view the track of the battle of Champagne in its entirety. A careful investigation of the battlefield demonstrates that no matter how powerful the enemy's entrenchments may be, they are no shelter from the French batteries, and that a strategical rupture, so feared by the Germans, can be effected.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
BRITISH AND GERMAN METHODS CONTRASTED.

New York, Oct. 24.
At an interview of representatives of the Associated Press of America, the Home Secretary (Sir John Simon) said there was no parallel in the whole record of Great Britain, to those of Miss Cavell. Even in cases which were clearly proved to be espionage, Britain had not sentenced a woman to death. Sir John Simon explained the vast opportunities for defence granted to persons accused of military offences, and cited a case of a German woman who, while acting in association with a male spy, and both were overwhelmingly convicted of espionage, the woman was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

U.S. STERLING EXCHANGE.

A Fresh Fall.

New York, Oct. 24.
A fresh fall in sterling exchange, owing to enormous volume of exports causing a flood of bills on London and Paris, is noticeable. There is an increase of exports of food stuffs, while imports have fallen.

THE REIGN OF TERROR.

A "GHASTLY NARRATIVE" OF GERMAN TYRANNY.

Amsterdam, Oct. 24.
A ghastly narrative of "the paternal administration of Belgium under General von Bissing" is told by the Antwerp correspondent of the *Telegraph*. Nobody, he says, is now safe in Belgium. Many men have been sentenced to death during the past fortnight, and thirty-two to penal servitude for long terms. Four women were also sentenced to death: a French teacher named Thulliez, Countess Belleville, a tailor named Bezeat, and Miss Cavell. Up to the present only Miss Cavell has been executed.

The heroism of Miss Cavell, likewise that of Louise Freney, who was executed at Liege, even affected the German firing squad, the majority of whom did not aim at the victims, resulting in Louise Freney being wounded in the leg, while Miss Cavell was only hit by one of twelve bullets. Hence, the officers were obliged to give the coup de grace, shooting them in the ear.

The Germans are now compelling Belgian workmen to perform military duties, saying that neither Belgian law nor international agreements are any excuse for refusal, as only the German military commander is allowed to decide. Another German proclamation has summoned young Belgians to report themselves, and those obeying are sent to an unknown destination.

IMPORTANT ITALIAN PROGRESS.

Rome, Oct. 24.
Further progress at many points is reported in the latest communiqués, which say:—Westward of Lake Garda we stormed Mount Nodice, compelling the command of the Lebro Valley. We captured a strong redoubt in the vicinity of Colchiana.

The importance of Thursday's success in the Sessera Valley is confirmed. We have up to the present buried 426 of the enemy there. The progress on the upper and middle Isonzo is also confirmed.

Two violent enemy counter-attacks at Maril were repulsed. We took 157 prisoners. Despite the enemy's fierce resistance supported by numerous powerful batteries, we progressed along practically the whole of the Carso front, particularly at San Martino, and captured 2,000 prisoners, 60 officers, seven machine-guns, and quantities of munitions and material.

BRITISH SUBMARINES IN THE BALTIC.

Sighted Underwater By German Aeroplanes.

Malmö, Oct. 23.
German aeroplanes sighted two British submarines under the water. Subsequently a flotilla of torpedo-boats from Sassnitz chased the submarines, which retreated northwards. There was no firing.

GERMANY'S NAVAL "BLOCKADE."

London, Oct. 23.
The enemy's submarines last week sank only one small vessel.

GERMANY'S ATTACK ON A SWEDISH SUBMARINE.

Stockholm, Oct. 23.
The German trawler which fired on a Swedish submarine, as reported a few days ago, did so within the Swedish territorial limits. The Naval Staff at Berlin has expressed profound regret and promised a searching inquiry.

SERBIAN TROOPS ENTER BULGARIAN TERRITORY.

Paris, Oct. 24.
An Athens telegram states that the British and French Military Attaches who have arrived from Nish confirm that Vranja is not occupied by the Bulgarians, who attempted a mere cavalry raid which was thrown back. They state that Serbian troops have entered Bulgarian territory.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MISS CAVELL'S LAST MOMENTS.

DETAILS OF THE ATROCITY.

London, Oct. 24.
Pathe's added to the horror of the murder of Miss Cavell by the description of her last moments which is furnished by the Rev. Gahan, the British Chaplain in Brussels, which has been forwarded to the Foreign Office by the American Ambassador. He writes: "I was admitted to the prison by a special passport the evening before the execution. I was astonished and relieved to find that Miss Cavell was perfectly calm and resigned. She said she wished her friends to know that she willingly died for her country, and added: 'I do not fear, nor am I shrinking. I have seen death too often. It is not strange or fearful. But patriotism is not enough; I must have no hatred or bitterness for anyone.' Then we had Holy Communion together. She received the Gospel of Consolation with all her heart, and then she repeated softly the words of 'Abide with me' to the end, afterwards giving me messages for relatives and friends. When she said 'goodbye' she smiled and said 'we shall meet again.' The German military chaplain after the execution, said that she was brave and bright to the last, professed the Christian faith, and died like a heroine.

MEMORIAL FUNDS STARTED.

London, Oct. 24.
Two London papers have started funds for a memorial to Miss Cavell. Neutral opinion on the execution is beginning to be heard.

AMERICAN PRESS COMMENTS.

The New York Herald says that a wave of horror has swept over America.

The Evening Post states that it is amazed at German apologists asking Americans to stand agape with admiration at Germany, while the execution reveals as a whitened sepulchre with rotting bodies within.

The Chicago Post describes it as another rank blunder of German statecraft.

The Chicago Journal says that assisting prisoners to escape is a virtue inseparable from all Western ideals of womanhood.

OFFICIAL CONDEMNATION.

Washington, Oct. 22.
Though no representations have been made to Germany, officials unsparsingly denounced the crime. A search of American records has failed to disclose an instance of the execution of a woman, even as a spy.

A WARNING TO GERMANY.

Amsterdam, Oct. 24.
The *Handelsblad* recalls the execution at Yumburg of the publisher of a psalm which led to the regeneration of Germany and the downfall of Napoleon.

ANTI-GERMAN ANGER OF NEUTRALS.

Rotterdam, Oct. 24.
The *Courant* says that the execution will aggravate the anti-German anger of neutrals.

FRENCH TROOPS, LANDING.

Paris, Oct. 24.
The landings of French troops at Salonika continue regularly and under the best of conditions. The French troops which crossed the Greek frontier have established touch with the Serbian troops.

GERMAN AIRSHIPS LOST IN BALTIC REGION.

Petrograd, Oct. 23.
The Germans have so far lost in the Baltic region two Zeppelins and seven aeroplanes.

MACHINE-GUN CORPS TO BE FORMED.

London, Oct. 24.
Particulars of the composition of a Machine gun Corps, mentioned on the 8th inst., have been given in Army Orders. The Corps will be divided into three branches: cavalry, infantry and motor. The first two will be organized as a Brigade of machine-gun squadrons and companies respectively, and the last as motor machine-gun batteries, at war establishment. A machine-gun company will be composed of nine officers, 141 non-commissioned officers and 32 horses.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

EASTERN FRONT.

RUSSIAN SUCCESSES IN GALICIA.

Petrograd, Oct. 23.
Galicia is not the only scene of Russian successes. A communiqué says that they crossed, against opposition, the Chorn river, south-east of Baranovichi, stormed the heights on the other side, and took 1,588 prisoners, to which have to be added 2,002 prisoners taken in various actions on the left bank of the Styx. The Russians also advanced westward in the lake region east of Vilna, repulsing numerous counter-attacks. They also captured a village west of Postavy. The Germans were unable to make headway in the Riga and Drinsk regions, and a violent attack near Olai on Thursday was immediately arrested.

Petrograd, Oct. 24.
A communiqué states that a Russian landing party near Domanevka, on the entrance to the Gulf of Riga, on Friday repulsed a German force, capturing prisoners and material. Forty-three German dead were abandoned. Only a few Russians were wounded. Fighting on the left bank of the Styx continues. The Russians, operating near Kolki captured another 821 prisoners, seven machine-guns and eight trench mortars. Elsewhere the fighting has been unimportant.

PERSIAN GULF OPERATIONS.

London, Oct. 24.
Despatches dealing with operations in the Persian Gulf and Mesopotamia up to April 4th have been published as a Blue Book.

AMERICAN COTTON.

An Arrangement With Great Britain.

Washington, Oct. 23.
It is announced that the British Board of Trade has arranged to make a settlement regarding the seized American cotton which is not covered by sales or contracts. The price to be paid will be the market value at port of shipment at date of shipment.

GENERAL MONRO LEAVES FOR DARDANELLES.

London, Oct. 24.
General Monro, who has been appointed to take command of the Army at Gallipoli in the absence of General Sir Ian Hamilton, left London yesterday for the Dardanelles.

GENERAL RENNENKAMPF RETIRES.

Petrograd, Oct. 23.
General Rennenkampf has been placed on the retired list.

BRITISH RECRUITING.

London, Oct. 24.
Mr. Horatio Bottomley, speaking at Hackney, said that he had discussed the new recruiting scheme with Lord Derby, who said that experience had already convinced him that the voluntary system would be saved, and he confidently anticipated that by the end of November there would be sufficient recruits to meet the requirements of the army.

MEN CHARGED WITH SIGNALING TO THE ENEMY.

London, Oct. 23.
Two men charged in a London police court with signalling to the enemy from the roof of an hotel during the last air raid, have been handed over to the military authorities.

ALLIES BOMBARD BULGARIAN COAST.

London, Oct. 23.
The Admiralty announces that an Anglo-Franco-Russian Squadron bombarded the Bulgarian coast on the 21st inst., shelling a number of military positions, and seriously damaging the harbour works, railway station, and shipping at Dedagatch. Care was exercised to avoid hitting points not possessing any military importance.

ARGENTINE WHEAT PROSPECTS.

Buenos Aires, Oct. 24.
The area sown for the next wheat crop in the Argentine is officially estimated at sixteen and a half million acres.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

WESTERN FRONT.

A HOHENZOLLERN REDEMPTION INCIDENT.

London, Oct. 24.
Reuter's correspondent at Hohenzollern, describing the British attack which captured the main branch of the Hohenzollern railway, says that after the initial success the fight resolved itself into a series of isolated bombing encounters, parties being sent up the various trenches in an endeavour to force a way to the enemy's main line. One party held its own against a strong German attack, though many were killed and wounded, till their barbed wire was literally blown in. The Captain commanding then ordered his men to construct another barbed wire thirty yards behind, he himself remaining alone at the first barrier, sheltering as best he could behind the smashed parapet, and by constant bombing, holding off the enemy, who was only a few yards distant, till the second barbed wire was completed.

GERMAN ACTIVITIES.

Paris, Oct. 23.
Today's communiqué says: Yesterday evening the enemy emerged from their trenches round Givry, but were easily disposed of. In Champagne strong reconnoitring parties supported by artillery, attempted to reach our positions round Tahure. They were repulsed or destroyed everywhere.

We conquered an enemy trench in Lorraine after stubborn fighting foot by foot.

OBITUARY.

London, Oct. 23.
The death is announced of Sir Henry Cotton, K.C.S.I., who had a distinguished career in the Indian Civil Service and retired in 1902, subsequently being elected a member of Parliament for East Nottingham.

(Hague Service.)

Paris, Oct. 23.
Yesterday in Belgium we dispersed the enemy's forces. To-day we destroyed very strong reconnoitring parties who were attempting to advance against our positions in the Thure region. We conquered trenches in Lorraine.

The Allies' warships bombarded Dedagatch harbour, and destroyed observation posts on the Bulgarian coast.

Petrograd—We progressed on the South side of Rogozniko Lake occupying Postavy crossing on the western bank of Chorn river taking 1600 prisoners. In the course of fighting which took place on the left bank of the River Styx we took 2100 prisoners.

Rome—We developed a "lucky offensive" on the whole front, breaking the enemy's line at Carso Plateau taking 1200 prisoners. The general advance of the Italian troops is a very good one, on the whole, the Austrians being now unable to stop the victorious troops.

AUSTRO-GERMAN LOSSES.

Geneva, Oct. 22.
The *Tribuna* states that the Austro-German losses on the Serbian front amount to 53,000 men.

(Through Reuter's Agency)

Paris, Oct. 24.
An Athens telegram states that according to despatches from Nish signed "Pashitch, Preobir," the losses of General Mackensen's armies are at least 60,000.

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DIVIDED OPINION.

Friction Among German Generals.

According to the "Reich" quoted by the "Morning Post" correspondent, friction has arisen between the various members of the higher German command.

General von Hindenburg's party insist upon advance at all costs. Another party, headed by General von Mackensen, advise the securing of a strong defensive position on the line Biegnow-Grodno-Brest-Kovel-Dubno-Remenko, until the line of communications can be thoroughly re-organized. This party points out the impossibility of satisfactory progress over from seven to eight hundred miles of front without perfect order in the rear. The present fear is caused by imperfect railways and broken bridges, while the high roads are in no better condition.

An attempt to continue to advance under such conditions, they argue, is too risky. The Emperor William has not yet given his sanction to either group. A decision must, however, be arrived at before long now.

SPORTING.

CRICKET.

A DRAWN GAME AT KOWLOON.
Kowloon "B" and the Hongkong C.C. "A" put up a drawn game, on the Peninsula ground on Saturday. Stalker and Claxton did pretty much what they liked with the bowling and contributed a 100 runs less one of the total 188. Failing light stopped the play. Scores—

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